Loan for the State.

204. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they propose to raise any loan by means of debenture bonds or otherwise ;

(*b*) if so, whether they propose to raise the same from inside the State or outside ; and

(*c*) whether they propose to take any loan from any temples in the State ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government have already obtained a loan of B. Rs 10 lakhs from the private funds of His Highness the Maha Raja.

(*b*) and (*c*). The questions do not arise, in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Appointment of Honorary Medical Officers.

205. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Madras Government appointed a committee to consider the question of revising the rules relating to Honorary Medical Officers and certain other matters ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the committee so appointed unanimously resolved that the designation "Honorary Sub-Assistant Surgeon" be discontinued and that the holders of the L. M. P qualification should be eligible for the same appointment and nomenclature as graduates in medicine ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes. (*b*) Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to the answer to part (b), may I know whether Government have considered the question of appointing Honorary Medical Officers ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The question was answered last time when it was raised by the member in October 1931.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know what stands in the way of Government giving effect to this proposal at present ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Government are not satisfied as to the necessity for the introduction of the system of Honorary Assistant Surgeons at present.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : My question is what prevents Government from giving effect to the scheme at present.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is, in the State, a large number of well-equipped hospitals with qualified staff and Government medical officers. Therefore, Government do not consider that the people now stand in need of any Honorary Surgeons.

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